

# *First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, NJ*

*Ash Wednesday Service  
February 14, 2024*



*Our Mission Statement - "We, the First Presbyterian Church of Rumson, are called by God to be a spiritual and visible presence by living out our faith and sharing our gifts among God's people."*

# *Ash Wednesday*

## *February 14, 2024 @ 7:30 PM*

PRELUDE “*Ashes*” ..... Tom Conry

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 46)

*Leader: God is our refuge and our strength. A present help in trouble.*

**All: Therefore we will not fear**

*Leader: though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though the waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

**All: God’s love endures forever.**

**\*HYMN #450 “*Be Thou My Vision*”** (vs. 1 & 2) ..... SLANE

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Isaiah 58:1-12 (pg. 841 OT)

**LITANY OF CONFESSION** (based on Psalm 51)

*Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.*

**All: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**

*Leader: You desire truth in our inward being; therefore teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.*

**All: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.**

*Leader: Hide not your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.*

**All: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit.**

*Leader: Then will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.*

**All: Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (pg. 6 NT)

SOLO “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” ..... WONDROUS LOVE

~ Offered by *John Garth* ~

MEDITATION “*Scraping the Boat*” ..... Rev. Linda Goeddel

**RITUAL OF LETTING GO AND TAKING ON**

**PRAYER**

\*HYMN #439 “*O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer*” (vs. 1 & 4) ..... STUTTGART

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*” ..... ST. FLAVIAN

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*# Indicates song in Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal).*

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**9:45am**  
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